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F. Scott Kieff is a law professor at Washington University in St. Louis and a research fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He joined the faculty of Washington University in 2001, after transitioning from his practice as a trial lawyer and intellectual property lawyer by serving as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Chicago Law School and the Northwestern University School of Law. Before joining Hoover in 2003 as a national fellow through 2005, he was for two years a faculty fellow in the John M. Olin Center for Law, Economics, and Business at Harvard Law School. He is also a member of the founding faculties of the Munich Intellectual Property Law Center and the Intellectual Property Management Group of the Canadian Centre for Intellectual Property Policy at the McGill University Faculty of Law, as well as group leader for the Law, Economics, Political Science, and Public Policy Group of the Washington University Center for Security Technology. He was appointed in 2005 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit to be a member of the court's pilot appellate mediation panel.

Scott graduated with a degree in molecular biology and applied microeconomics from MIT in 1991; and as an undergraduate was awarded a two-year fellowship sponsored by the National Science Foundation for research in molecular genetics at the Whitehead Institute. He was admitted to the New York Bar after graduation from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Giles S. Rich on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He has since been admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Trial Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, as well as other state and federal bars.

Scott has delivered numerous articles and speeches about obtaining and enforcing intellectual property rights. He edited the book PERSPECTIVES ON PROPERTIES OF THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT, by Elsevier, and coauthored the popular treatise and casebook PRINCIPLES OF PATENT LAW, by Foundation Press, now in its third edition. His research interests generally involve the interface among law, economics, ethics, and creative endeavors such as science, engineering, medicine, and art, with a focus on technology law and business, intellectual property, contracts, unfair competition, antitrust, complex litigation, and the allocation of decision-making ability and authority in disputes involving technological facts. He teaches law school courses on contracts, patents, the interface between contracts and intellectual property, and biotechnology.

Having practiced as an associate with the firm of Pennie & Edmonds in New York, and as an associate and counsel with the firm of Jenner & Block in Chicago, Kieff has represented and advised clients concerning all forms of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, unfair competition, and antitrust law in the fields of biology, medicine, chemistry, physics, computer hardware and software, financial services, sports, art, and entertainment. He has been called to testify as a legal expert before federal courts and agencies and maintains his connection to the law, government, business, and financial communities through his ongoing practice as a consulting and testifying expert, focusing on the law, practice, policy, strategy and management of innovation, entrepreneurship, intellectual property, competition, and commercial litigation, appeals, and alternative dispute resolution.